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To: DEPUTY DISTRICT DIRECTORS, Construction
ALL CONSTRUCTION SENIORS
ALL RESIDENT ENGINEERS

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From: DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
DIVISION OF CONSTRUCTION, MS 44

Subject: Protecting Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESAs) During Construction

Background:

State and federal laws and regulations require protection of environmental resources during construction of the department's projects. To meet these requirements and to obtain regulatory agency approvals and permits, areas within and adjacent to our construction projects are often designated as environmentally sensitive areas (ESAs). These ESA are shown on the plans and rules governing their treatment during construction are set forth in the special provisions. Failure to protect ESAs can result in severe sanctions against responsible parties by regulatory agencies.

Action Required:

Prior to beginning construction, the resident engineer should review all designated ESAs, permit requirements and environmental commitments with the district's environmental office. These requirements and commitments are to be discussed with the construction contractor at the preconstruction conference and, as necessary, reviewed in the field. Any work or changes that might affect an ESA or protected species or resource need to be thoroughly discussed with the district's environmental office. Changes may require formal amendments to the governing permits and agreements. Measures identified in the contract to protect ESAs shall be strictly enforced at all times.

If you have any questions, please call Roger Cook at 8-654-2735 or 916-654-2735.

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